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SUBJECT: FRENCH- POLISH RELATIONS -- JOBERT VISIT TO WARSAW IN 1973?

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR USSR- EE AFFAIRS OMNES, WHO ACCOMPANIED DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR ARNAUD TO WARSAW FOR MAY 9-10 CONSULTATIONS WITH POLISH DEP FON MIN CZYREK, GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON FRENCH- POLISH DEVELOPMENTS.

2. OMNES SAID FON MIN JOBERT MAY WELL MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO POLAND IN LATTER PART OF YEAR. QUAI ALSO STILL STUDYING POSSIBLE 1974 VISIT BY PRESIDENT POMPIDOU. MEANTIME, QUAI STATE SEC DE LIPKOWSKI WILL STOP OVER IN WARSAW " FOR PERHAPS TWO DAYS" FOLLOWING LATE MAY TRIP TO MOSCOW (SEPTTEL).

3. OMNES SAID ARNAUD- CZYREK TALKS TOOK PLACE IN FRAMEWORK OF CONSULTATIONS CALLED FOR IN OCTOBER 1972 FRENCH- POLISH " JOINT DECLARATION" SIGNED DURING GIEREK VISIT HERE. PRINCIPAL DISCUSSION TOPIC WAS CSCE, WITH POLES TAKING PREDICTABLE POSITIONS MIRRORING THOSE OF POLISH AND SOVIET REPS AT HELSINKI TALKS.
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FRENCH NONETHELESS STRUCK BY TENACITY WITH WHICH POLES EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF BASKET ONE PRINCIPLE OF INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS AND BASKET THREE ATTENTION TO SOVEREIGNTY AND NON- INTERFERENCE. CZYREK SAID POLAND GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH MPT PROGRESS ON BASKET TWO TIEMS.

4. ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS, ASIDE FROM SCHEDULING HIGH- LEVEL VISITS, POLES WISHED TO CONCENTRATE MAINLY ON DEVELOPING ECONOMIC RELATIONS. OMNES NOTED FRENCH SATISFACTION WITH INCREASE IN EXPORTS TO POLAND FROM 466 MILLION FRANCS IN 1971 TO 766 MILLION IN 1972. IMPORTS WERE DOWN TO 416 MILLION FRANCS IN 1972 FROM 551 MILLION IN 1971. OVERALL TRADE EXPECTED TO RISE AGAIN THIS YEAR AND CONTINUE INCREASING STEADILY INTO FUTURE UNDER 1972 10- YEAR ECONOMIC ACCORD, WHICH AIMS AT DOUBLING TRADE. OMNES SAID FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D' ESTAING WOULD VISIT WARSAW BEFORE LONG TO REVIEW PROGRESS UNDER 10- YEAR ACCORD.

5. ASKED FOR FRENCH VIEW WHETHER GIEREK MAY EVENTUALLY BEGIN TO STRENGTHEN POLISH INDEPENDENCE VIS- A- VIS USSR, OMNES SAID QUAI SEES THIS AS ONLY LONG- TERM POSSIBILITY. FRENCH REGARD POLAND " MANIFESTLY POOR AND DEPENDENT ECONOMICALLY ON SOVIET UNION" -- THUS CURRENTLY IN NO POSITION TO MANEUVER FOR INCREASING INDEPENDENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, AT CSCE. IN FRENCH VIEW, " REALISTIC" GIEREK RIGHTLY CONCENTRATING ON BUILDING A STRONG ECONOMIC BASE FIRST. ONLY AFTER ACCOMPLISHING THIS, WILL POLES BE ABLE TO THINK OF GAINING GREATER AUTONOMY FROM USSR. FRENCH BELIEVE POLISH PEOPLE HAVE RALLIED SIGNIFICANTLY BEHIND GIEREK' S POLICIES OVER PAST YEAR.

6. BEFORE RETURNING TO FRANCE, OMNES ALSO VISITED FRENCH CONSUL AT KRAKOW, WHO " ANXIOUSLY AWAITING" ARRIVAL OF HIS US COLLEAGUE."

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